ATTACHMENT 3.

GLOSSARY

DIAGNOSTIC ROUTINES - Routines a machine performs to check its system components for a functional error. If the system is not operating properly, a message will appear on the screen highlighting the problem.

DISK - A magnetic storage unit in which data are stored by magnetic recording on a flat surface of a rotating disk.

DISKETTE - A thin, flexible, and portable magnetic disk with a semi-rigid protective jacket.

FOREGROUND/BACKGROUND OPERATIONS - Operations in which machine processing is done. A foreground operation is one that has the highest user priority to the central processing unit. A background operation is one that processes without tying up the keyboard and monitor and requires no user interaction, but has a lower priority than the foreground operation.

MENU-DRIVEN - Commands are executed through a series of menus which appear on the screen each time a user response is required giving a list of all acceptable responses from which the user will pick.

PRO-VENIX - Venix is a Unix-based (see Unix below) operating system written specifically for microcomputers. Pro-Venix is a version enhanced for the DEC Pro-series of microcomputers taking into account the capablilities of these machines.

RANDOM ACCESS MEMORY (RAM) - The most common computer memory, the contents of which can be altered at any time.

RELATIONAL DATABASE - A database is an efficiently structured collection of information. A relational database is one which works with the whole database, instead of one file at a time, based on the relations requested by the user.

SPREADSHEET - A general purpose, interactive tool used for "what if" analysis working with tables of numbers for forecasting, planning, and budgeting.

UNIX - A relatively new operating system for public use written by AT&T, with enhancements written by others, and used internally by them for a number of years. It provides multi-user and multi-tasking capabilities with the ability to allow portability of programs between Unix systems with little modification.